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HIGHLIGHTS

NEW DIRECTOR AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The St. Louis County Department of Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Faisal Khan as Director effective January 21. Dr. Khan's e-mail address is fkhan@stlouisco.com.

NATIONAL SURVEY ON DRUG USE AND HEALTH (NSDUH) BEING CONDUCTED IN MISSOURI

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health sponsored by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will be conducted in Missouri in 2015 by RTI, the contractor. Individuals may be contacting your agency regarding the legitimacy of the survey and SAMHSA seeks your help in disseminating this information to your appropriate staff. The survey is a randomly selected household survey of population ages 12 years and older to provide up-to-date information on alcohol, tobacco and drug use, mental health, and other health-related issues. The interviewer will ask an occupant 18 or older to take part in a brief screening interview to determine if someone in that household 12 years of age or older is eligible for voluntary participation in the study (approximately 72,500 individuals will be asked to participate nationwide). The NSDUH interview takes about one-hour and will be conducted in the privacy of the participant's home using a computerized questionnaire. Everyone who completes the entire interview will be given \$30.00 in cash in appreciation for their participation. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Kennet, Ph.D., National Study Director, SAMHSA at 240-276-1265.

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS (CHD) AWARENESS WEEK – February 7-14

CHDs are the most common birth defect, affecting approximately 1 in every 100 babies (about 1 percent or 40,000 babies) every year in the United States. CHDs are present at birth and can affect the structure of the baby's heart and the way it works. About 1 in every 4 babies born with a heart defect has a critical congenital heart defect (CCHD). Babies with CCHD are at risk for serious health problems or death without surgery or other procedures within their first year of life. In Missouri, all babies are required to be screened for CCHD soon after birth. Screening is painless, non-invasive, and can help detect CCHDs early, allowing for treatment that can prevent disability and death early in life. For more information about CCHD screening in Missouri, visit www.health.mo.gov/cchd.

Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings

- [Oral Health Policy Conference - February 19-20](#)
- [Department of Health and Senior Services \(DHSS\) and Local Public Health Agency \(LPHA\) Public Health Conference: "Moving Missouri's Public Health Forward" - March 18-19](#)
- [Save-the-Date! The Food Safety Task Force - March 24](#)
- [Plan Review for Food Inspections, FD207 - April 28-30](#)
- [National Association of County and City Health Officials \(NACCHO\) Annual Conference - July 7-9](#)

Satellite Broadcasts and Webcasts

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- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)

CELEBRATING NATIONAL BLACK HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)/ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) AWARENESS DAY 2015

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) is February 7. NBHAAD was started 14 years ago to focus attention on HIV in blacks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that blacks make up only 12% of the U.S. population, but accounted for nearly 44% of new HIV infections in 2010. Despite these numbers, the number of new HIV infections among blacks overall are on target to meet a 2015 national goal to reduce new infections by 25%. For agencies interested in participating in a campaign, more information is available at <https://www.aids.gov/news-and-events/awareness-days/black/>. The CDC and the Bureau of HIV, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), and Hepatitis encourage the use of routine, opt-out HIV screening in all healthcare settings. For more information, please contact the Bureau at 573-751-6439.

VIRAL HEPATITIS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program wants to make you aware of educational materials that are available for free. Brochures have been created to cover a wide range of topics, they include:

- Diet and Your Liver Health
- Hepatitis B and Mothers-to-be
- Hepatitis B and Your Liver – What you need to know
- Hepatitis C – Should I tell people I have it?
- Hepatitis C and Your Liver – What you need to know
- Hepatitis C and Incarceration
- Pregnant and Hepatitis B positive
- Protect Yourself – Hepatitis information for gay and bisexual men
- STOP Liver Cancer – Hepatitis Information
- Tattoo and Body Piercing Safety
- Teens and Hepatitis
- Viral Hepatitis – What you need to know

You can view each brochure and print an order form at <http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/hepatitisc/relatedlinks.php#materials>. If you need more information or have any questions you can contact the program at 573-751-6439.

MISSOURI STATE WIDE INTEROPERABLE NETWORK (MOSWIN) QUARTERLY RADIO CHECK-IN DRILL

The quarterly MOSWIN Radio Drill for all LPHAs with MOSWIN control stations and mobile radios will be held on Monday, February 23. Check-in is scheduled by the Highway Patrol regions at the following times:

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| • Region H | 9:00 a.m. |
| • Region G and I | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Region F | 10:00 a.m. |
| • Region E | 10:30 a.m. |
| • Region D | 11:00 a.m. |
| • Region C | 1:30 p.m. |
| • Region B | 2:00 p.m. |
| • Region A | 2:30 p.m. |

The Emergency Response Center (ERC) will begin each region session on the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) COMMON talk group, after which the participants will be asked to go to the MO I/O EVENT 3 talk group. The ERC will check-in participants on each talk group. LPHAs that cannot participate at their region's designated time are invited to check-in at any regional time of their choosing, since both are statewide talk groups. Additionally, any hospital with a MOSWIN radio that wishes to participate is encouraged to do so. For any questions on the exercise, please call David Bagge at 573-522-6150 or send an e-mail to david.bagge@sema.dps.mo.gov.

MISSOURI TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE

The Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice seeks to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect and reduce trauma to children as they endure the investigative process. In an effort to fully evaluate our current multi-disciplinary response on a statewide level and to get ideas for future improvements, the task force has developed a survey (CJA 2015 Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CJAsurvey2015>) for completion by all those interested in improvement of the investigative response to child abuse and neglect. If you would please take a few minutes to complete the survey, it would be greatly appreciated. Results of the survey will be fully evaluated and considered with the intent of constructing goals for improvement. **Please forward the survey to your staff, and any other persons whose input would be beneficial.** Thank you in advance for your participation. For more information, please visit the Children's Justice Act (CJA) website at: <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/cjtf/>.

AVAILABLE RURAL HEALTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health would like to announce two funding opportunities below which are being provided by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). For detailed information please see the attached [document](#).

- Rural Outreach Benefits Counseling Program Funding
- Rural Network Allied Health Training Program Funding

Also, to receive updates on topics for rural health, including funding opportunities, articles, and more – subscribe to our “*Rural Spotlight*” at: <http://health.mo.gov/blogs/ruralspotlight/>. Make sure to sign up today!

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS AVAILABLE FOR HEALTHCARE.GOV OPEN ENROLLMENT

The [Cover Missouri Coalition](#) is pleased to offer a series of educational videos on health insurance literacy; just in time for the start of HealthCare.gov open enrollment, which runs from November 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015. The videos aim to help people enroll by eliminating the confusion surrounding the Missouri Health Insurance Marketplace and the videos are available in both English and Spanish and offer a complete look at health insurance and the Marketplace. A full listing can be found at covermissouri.org and are also available off-line by e-mailing [Diane Whitson](#) at Health Literacy Missouri. Each video covers a different topic.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- State WIC Office Closed Lincoln Day and Washington's Birthday
- National WIC Association (NWA) Leadership Conference Scholarships
- Sesame Street Booklet – Families Stand Together
- DHSS Program for Dietetic Interns 2015-2016
- Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Program Enhancement Funding
- **JOB OPENING:** WIC Breastfeeding Counselor – St. Francois County Health Center
- **JOB OPENING:** WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor – St. Louis County Department of Health

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (LPHA) EBOLA WEB PAGE UPDATES

The LPHA Ebola Updates have been posted to the LPHA Ebola web page. You can view the updates at: <https://health.mo.gov/EmergencyInfoForLPHAs/ebola/ebola.php>. This week's updates include:

- Information for Employers and Employees (CDC)
- Guidance for U.S. Laboratories for Managing and Testing Routine Clinical Specimens When There is a Concern About Ebola Virus Disease (CDC)
- Guidance for Collection, Transport and Submission of Specimens for Ebola Virus Testing (CDC)
- Non-CDC Laboratory Resources (CDC)
- Q&A's about the Transport of Pediatric Patients (< 18 years of age) Under Investigation or with Confirmed Ebola (CDC)

For questions, contact Jennifer Harrison by e-mail at Jennifer.Harrison@health.mo.gov, or by telephone at 573-522-2881.

MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION: CALL FOR ARTICLES

Missouri public health professionals are invited to submit articles for the quarterly newsletter. We welcome submissions on any public health related topic. Please include the following information with your article submissions:

- Name
- Title of article
- Reference list
- A headshot or photo of you doing public health work

Please keep your article between 300-500 words. All submissions will be reviewed by the Missouri Public Health Association board. Please e-mail your articles and any questions to Corrie Courtney at ccourtney@clayhealth.com and Sandy Boeckman at sboeckman@mopha.org.

NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH

February is National Parent Leadership Month. Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Services (FRIENDS), the National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), provides training and technical assistance to federally funded CBCAP programs. The FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) offers the following resources to recognize and celebrate the parents in your state, community, and local programs. The materials are available in both English and Spanish.

- **National Parent Leadership Month certificate** ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)): A customizable award that you can download and fill in for the parent leaders you are recognizing throughout February
- **A Recipe for Growth** ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)): An example of how to nurture and develop parent leaders
- **Tips for Practitioners** ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)): Insights and wisdom from the PAC on what has helped them grow in their leadership role as well as suggestions of how parents and practitioners can join together to support parent leadership

The FRIENDS PAC encourages you to consider the following links to other resources to assist you with supporting, recognizing, and celebrating parent leadership: <http://friendsnrc.org/cbcap-priority-areas/parent-leadership-and-involvement>, and <http://friendsnrc.org/print-materials>. For more information, contact Cindy Reese by e-mail at cindy.reese@health.mo.gov or by telephone at 573-522-9744.

CERTIFICATION BOARD EXAM NEWS 2015

The Missouri Board of Certification will be giving the examination for Missouri Certification and NEHA RS/REHS Certification prior to the Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association (MMFEHA) Conference. Both exams will be given on Tuesday, March 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Country Club Hotel and Spa, Lake Ozark. Anyone that is interested in taking either of the exams will need to contact Janet Murray, R.E.H.S. at 660-263-6643 ext. 3043 or via e-mail at murrayj1@lpha.mopublic.org. Applicants for the NEHA exam will need to obtain their applications from NEHA. Janet will e-mail Missouri Applications and Study Guides to those interested in taking the Missouri Credential. Applications for the Missouri exam must be completed and sent in to Janet by March 13. Reference materials and the study guide for the NEHA RS/REHS exam are also available from the Missouri Certification Board. These can be obtained by sending a check made out to the Missouri Certification Board for \$100.00 in care of Janet Murray to PO Box 488, Moberly, MO 65270. When the applicant returns the reference materials and study guide to the Board in good condition, \$50.00 of the money will be refunded.

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

Merit Class Recruitment Opening

The Missouri Office of Administration is currently accepting applications until **February 17** to qualify individuals to be added to the following merit register:

Health Program Representative III

Interested participants must apply and be determined eligible for the classification by completing an application at <https://www.ease.mo.gov/>. The above opportunities can be viewed at <https://apps1.mo.gov/meritregisters>.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

ORAL HEALTH POLICY CONFERENCE – February 19-20

Registration is now open for the Oral Health Policy Conference-*Moving Forward for Oral Health!* Join advocates and professionals for Missouri's only conference dedicated to oral health public policy. Conference features keynote addresses by Dr. Bob Russell, DDS, MPH, Dental Director, Iowa Department of Public Health; Amy Blouin, Executive Director, Missouri Budget Project, Missouri Budget Overview; Local Fluoridation Panel, chaired by Dr. Lori Henderson, with Julie Schanda, Jordan Valley, Debbie Hoehn, St. Francois County Health Center, Kyle Vogel, Nixa City Council, and Eric Medlock, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Amy Kelsey, DHSS Oral Health Program; Colin Reusch, MPA, Children's Dental Health Project, Dental Coverage and the Affordable Care Act (ACA); Dr. Paul Glassman, DDS, the Revolution in Science, Delivery Systems & Financing; Dr. Christie Custodio-Lumsden, PhD, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, Broadening Horizons in Oral Health: Taking a Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health Perspective; oral health champion awards; networking reception; Oral Health Legislative Awareness Event at the Capitol just prior to the conference (optional), and more. The oral health of Missouri is poor. The CDC ranks Missouri 47th among states in access to oral health care. Pew Charitable Trusts gives Missouri a "C" for children's oral health and a "D" for use of dental sealants. Sixty-three percent of Missouri Medicaid-enrolled children received no dental care and 44% of skilled nursing facility residents were assessed with untreated decay. The coalition's mission is to improve the oral health of all Missourians through sound public policy and public awareness. The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health is funded through memberships, donations, the Missouri Foundation for Health, the REACH Healthcare Foundation, and the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. For questions, contact us at www.oralhealthmissouri.org, [MCOH on Twitter](#), [MCOH on Facebook](#) or Gary Harbison, Executive Director at gharbison@oralhealthmissouri.org.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DHSS) and LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (LPHA) PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE: "MOVING MISSOURI'S PUBLIC HEALTH FORWARD" – March 18-19

SAVE-THE-DATE! DHSS, Center for Local Public Health Services announces a two-day conference on March 18 and 19 in Columbia at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. The target audience is local public health administrators and staff, as well as DHSS staff. This conference will provide:

- A statewide opportunity for networking and sharing of information between local and state public health staff
- Educational opportunities in areas of communicable disease, chronic disease, environmental health, and revenue enhancement, and
- An opportunity to engage in collaborative discussions on ways to improve the delivery of public health

Brochure and registration information will be posted in a future Friday Facts.

SAVE-THE-DATE! THE FOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE – March 24

The Food Safety Task Force will be meeting in Jefferson City on March 24. Further details will be provided when the agenda is completed. Save the date on your calendar!

PLAN REVIEW FOR FOOD INSPECTIONS, FD207 – April 28-30

The Bureau of Environmental Health Services (BEHS) and the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center are hosting a plan review course this year. The purpose of this course is to provide a comprehensive overview of the plan review process with an emphasis on equipment and architectural design. The plan review process is based on menu and food preparation procedures with the end goal of reducing foodborne illnesses resulting from poor facility design. Methods of instruction include lectures with hands-on group exercises and discussion to reinforce basic concepts. The prerequisite for this course is to possess a working knowledge of the risks associated with foodborne illnesses and the necessary control measures. The plan review course will be at the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, 1121 Linden Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-7708. For registration information, contact Kelly Jacobs at 573-751-6111 or kelly.jacobs@health.mo.gov.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COUNTY AND CITY OFFICIALS (NACCHO) ANNUAL CONFERENCE - July 7-9

Mark your calendars for the NACCHO Annual Conference in Kansas City this year, July 7-9. This provides a rare opportunity to attend a national conference with no out-of-state travel! Meet and learn from local public health peers from all over the country. For more details see <http://www.nacchoannual.org>.

SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

UPCOMING SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

Please see the [attached flier](#) listing upcoming satellite broadcasts. Contact Jackie McCoy at 573-751-6170 or Heather Rhodes at 573-751-6168 with questions or to report technical problems.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR – Audrain County Health Department

Seeking an Executive Administrator who exhibits the following leadership attributes and skillset: organizational and day-to-day management, collaboration, communication, and strategic planning for the field of public health. The ideal candidate will have expertise working with community-based organizations and elected officials. The candidate will understand the complexities of budgets and achieving excellent performance. This position leads the Audrain County Health Department which provides a multitude of public health services. A minimum of three years of supervisory and administrative experience in public health, home care, or related health field is required. Fiscal management experience is required. Salary is commensurate with experience and benefits include: paid vacation, holiday, and sick time; LAGERS retirement system and health insurance. The Audrain County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer. Please send resume and cover letter to Human Resources at 1130 South Elmwood, PO Box 957, Mexico, MO 65265; fax to 573-581-6652; or e-mail to spurll@lpha.mopublic.org. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

NUTRITIONIST - Christian County Health Department

The Christian County Health Department has an immediate opening for a full-time Nutritionist in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in public health nutrition, dietetics, nutrition, foods, home economics, or a closely related field, including or supplemented by at least 15 semester hours in food and nutrition, including diet therapy and community nutrition. Send resume to Cathy Bumgarner at the Christian County Health Department, P.O. Box 340, Ozark, MO 65721 or e-mail to bumgac@lpha.mopublic.org by July 18. Christian County WIC is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNER – City of St. Joseph Health Department

This position will provide coordination of public health emergency preparedness and response planning related to epidemiology and area or region specific planning and preparedness needs for the St. Joseph City Health Department, Buchanan County, and contract counties in Northwest Missouri (up to 15 counties). This position provides 24-hour a day, 7-day per week response to public health emergencies and reported infectious diseases for Region H; no supervisory or budgetary responsibilities. For more information, please click [here](#).

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) DIETICIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Montgomery County Health Department

The Montgomery County Health Department would like to contract with a Dietician/Nutritionist one day per week for our WIC program. This position is responsible for providing nutrition counseling and education to eligible participants. Our WIC Clinic is held every Wednesday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM with the exception on the first Wednesday of the month, it is scheduled for 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. WIC experience preferred. Submit resumes to Linda Harman by e-mail at harmal@lpha.mopublic.org, or please call 573-564-2495 for further information. We are located at 400 Salisbury, Montgomery City, MO 63361. *The Montgomery County Health Department is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. Services are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.*

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST – Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC)

CCPHC is seeking to add a full-time Communications Specialist to its team. The Communications Specialist is responsible for enhancing community awareness/presence of CCPHC by performing duties such as: the development and maintenance of the CCPHC Communications Plan, serving as the primary contact for website content updates, developing and updating social media content, and assisting with Public Information Officer Duties. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated oral and written communication skills, including researching, writing, editing, and graphic design/layout of print and electronic publications. Proven skills in marketing and graphic design are also desired for this position. Excellent computer skills are required, including proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Adobe design software. Familiarity with website content management software and/or grant writing experience is a plus. At a minimum the person chosen for this position will have a bachelor's degree in communications, journalism, marketing, public relations or related field from a four-year college or university, and two-years related experience and/or equivalent training. Pay is commensurate with experience. Interested parties may view our current benefits package and apply on-line at www.clayhealth.com or send a cover letter, resume, and application to Clay County Public Health Center (Attn: Human Resources) 800 Haines Drive, Liberty, MO 64068.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment

This position performs inspections and investigations, provides enforcement and consultation for a broad range of environmental health and sanitation laws and regulations; inspects restaurants, mobile food units, temporary food events, daycares, body art facilities, tanning centers, aquatic and recreational facilities, and private well water, etc., for sanitary code compliance. Enforces environmental health regulations associated with solid waste enforcement of landfills, compost facilities, transfer stations, trash haulers and trucks, etc. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of 30-credit hours in one of the following: biology, chemistry, bacteriology, sanitary science, or related field; plus one-year environmental health experience or a master's degree in public health or sanitary science in lieu of experience is required. Possession of Registered Environmental Health Specialist certification preferred. Starting salary is \$41,790 per year. For the full job description or to apply, see our self-service website at <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>. Deadline to apply is February 25.

Gail Vasterling, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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